

Policy Brief



Re-evaluating the Defence and Security Landscape:

The Pan Domain Approach

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Introduction

The recent tectonic shifts in the security and defence landscape has caused states to re-frame their understanding of defence and security requirements. These tectonic shifts include the re-emergence of great power competition and the blurring lines of competition,

ability to sustain their security by integrating a joint all-of-military approach. This approach has been termed Pan-Domain Operations (PDO)/Multi-Domain Operations (MDO). PDO/MDO has been

arena with the ultimate goal of deterring, or if necessary, defeating

the approach into a doctrine.

The primary points for discussion in this brief include: what is PDO/MDO; key points of commonality and distinction among

Norway, and Australia PDO/MDO concepts; points of failure; and

What is PDO/MDO?

the interconnected nature of these domains pose a security threat



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operations across military, diplomatic, information, and economic sectors are critical to the success of interoperability and interconnectedness.

Country Concepts of PDO/MDO

success and interconnectedness of PDO/MDO. Alignment with allies greatly enhances the

ideas of surrounding the integration of military capabilities and seamlessly integrating



and the electromagnetic spectrum. These domains are further stressed by France who places their concern regarding emerging threats, they place particular emphasis on the threat of of new alliance structures in Europe in order to enable alignment of capabilities. Alliances

change in addressing security challenges, and while the purpose of the concepts is broad,

defence and security. A common misconception across the concepts were the role and the

of emerging domains, and the return of great power competition.

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